



**NOAA Teacher at Sea**  
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**Onboard NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER**  
**July 18 - 28, 2005**

**Log 1**

Friday July 15-Sunday July 17, 2005

NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER:

Day: Sun July 17, 2005	Present Weather: PC	Sea wave height: -
Time: 8:00 p.m. (20:00)	Visibility: 10+	Swell wave height: -
Latitude: 57 <sup>0</sup> 43.6'N	Wind direction: 230	Sea water temperature: -
Longitude: 152 <sup>0</sup> 31.0'W	Wind speed: 2	Sea level pressure: 1017.0

I was supposed to fly on July 15 at 9:40 a.m. by United Airlines, going from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Chicago, then from Chicago to Anchorage, Alaska; and finally from Anchorage to Kodiak. All the same day.

Well... this is what really happened. I woke up at 5:00 a.m., traveled from Humacao to San Juan got in there at 7:30 a.m. , United Airlines attendant told me the flight got cancelled. They changed my Airline to American Airlines departing at 1:30 p.m., therefore I was not going to get to Kodiak that same day.

I checked my bags with American Airlines... sending them to Anchorage. My flight with American got delayed for two and a half hours; therefore I missed my flight from Chicago to Anchorage. I had to stay in Chicago one night with no bags, leaving to Anchorage the next day in the afternoon.

July 16 at noon I was back in O'Hare Airport in Chicago. My flight was again delayed for an hour. I got to Anchorage with no place to stay. My flight to Kodiak was going to be for the next day, July 17, in the afternoon. It was 2:30 a.m. in the morning and I still couldn't find a place to stay. Every hotel was packed, no place to go. Finally somebody cancelled their hotel reservation and I stayed at the Johnson Howard Hotel.

During this time I kept calling Elizabeth McMahon, the XO Lieutenant E.J. Van den Ameele, the hotel at Kodiak called the Buskin River Inn, and my family to let everybody know about my locations.

I got to Kodiak on July 17, 2005 at approximately 5:00 p.m. I e-mailed the XO and found a taxi to drive me to NOAA's boat. I came into the boat, they gave me some paperwork and forms (emergency information and NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER visitor

orientation packet). I got to know few people on the boat: Abigail, Daniel, and Mark. Abigail showed me around the ship including my cabin room, the galley (kitchen), the different decks (floors), the lounge, computer labs, the bridge, etc.

I went to downtown Kodiak and got back to the hotel.